

Introduced by Senator KelleyFebruary 20, 1998

An act to add Section 6523.8 to the Government Code, relating to joint powers agreement.

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SB 2004, as introduced, Kelley. Local agency joint powers agreements: hospitals.

Existing law, the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, permits 2 or more public agencies to enter into an agreement to jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties. Existing law authorizes a private, nonprofit hospital in a county of the 9th, 21st, or 33rd class to enter into joint powers agreements with a public agency.

This bill would provide that, notwithstanding the law relating to the joint exercise of powers, a private, nonprofit hospital may enter into joint powers agreements with a public agency.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature in
2 enacting this act to do all of the following:

3 (a) Meet the challenges of the evolving health care
4 market and carry out the essential governmental
5 function of making health care services available to
6 Medi-Cal eligible and medically indigent citizens served



1 by health care districts, counties, and other public
2 agencies and public corporations.

3 (b) Authorize nonprofit hospitals and public hospitals
4 to do all of the following:

5 (1) Engage in joint planning for health care services.

6 (2) Allocate health care services among the different
7 facilities operated by the hospitals.

8 (3) Engage in joint purchasing, joint development and
9 ownership of health care delivery, and joint financing
10 programs.

11 (4) Consolidate or eliminate duplicative
12 administrative, clinical, and medical services.

13 (5) Engage in joint contracting and negotiations with
14 health plans.

15 (6) Take other cooperative actions in order to provide
16 for the health care needs of the citizens they serve.

17 SEC. 2. Section 6523.8 is added to the Government
18 Code, to read:

19 6523.8. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
20 chapter, a private, nonprofit hospital may enter into a
21 joint powers agreement with any public agency, as
22 defined in Section 6500.

